



HAWK TALK

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6TH PLACE FOR JAZZ

The British U19 Individual Championship held at Wednesfield was one of the most open and competitive events ever with the likes of Josh Brooke not even making the Final. Jazz Abbott got through okay and was in the thick of things in the final. In the end five riders stood out and Jazz was easily the best of the rest with 13 points securing sixth place, a creditable performance on a track so different to Hethersett or Norwich and such a class field. Birmingham's Paul Heard was crowned champion on 18 points but the next four were all on 17 and it was Tom ree from Exeter and Jamie Brown from Sheffield who got the podium places from the race-off.

FULL TEAMS IN ESSEX

For the first time since the opening round at Hethersett we were able to field full teams in the South-East U10 and U14 Fours League matches at Colchester. A team debut for William Forder-Wilcox was the highlight with brother Oliver performing well to score 11 points. Both he and Olivia Nicholas gamely stayed around to fill in gaps in the U14s and the encouragement that all the riders got from the Hawks supporters was also very special. Scott Grimes was unlucky not to score a maximum, just losing out to Ashley Hill after some exciting bursts round the outside – not easy on Colchester. What was important for the whole team was that the number of points they put

together was just enough to keep them in fourth place in the League. Katie Adams got in some good positions and would have scored more by being a bit braver on busy corners.

U10 – Kesgrave 52 Gt.Blakenham 50 Ipswich 35 Colchester 31 Hethersett 26

O.Forder-Wilcox 11 N.Hamill 5
W.Forder-Wilcox 5 O.Nicholas 5.

U14 – Ipswich 58 Kesgrave 45 Colchester 34 Gt.Blakenham 32 Hethersett 29

S.Grimes 15 O.Nicholas 5 O.Forder-Wilcox 5 K.Adams 4

TRICKY AT SPIXWORTH

Although Roy Chapman had clearly worked hard to get things ready at Spixworth the track was really bumpy and slippery. Add to that the continual verbals from the resident bunch of youngsters who have plagued contests there before and it all amounts to a not very enjoyable evening for the 12 riders who went along to support it. A few riders slipped off on the pits corner so even the racing was not great but that did not stop Phil Adams who went round a tentative Leigh Cossey in the A Final of the U19/Senior/Vets with Ben Collins thirds and me in fourth. Dan Chambers got a rebuke from referee Ian Grange for slowing to let Carly Grimes win the U16 Final - both riders lucky not to get excluded. Katie Adams battled away well and was rewarded with an A Final fourth place in the U13/Novice event.

BACK TO 19 ON TUESDAY

After several weeks of lower numbers it was good to get the Club Night total back up to 19 again and there was some good racing once the small amount of loose was swept off the track. William Forder-Wilcox made his first Club Night appearance.

COUNTY TRAINING

There will be additional racing at the Hethersett track this Wednesday as joint manager Ian Grange gets his Norfolk U16 squad together to train for the Inter-County match against Suffolk on Sep.12th. Six Hethersett riders, including over-age Ben Collins and Phil Adams, have been invited for the 7-a-side practice match at 7.00

HAWKS TAKE ON THE UK

The Hawks' top riders will be representing the Club at Eaton Park on Saturday in the British Open Club Championship and must fancy their chances. The first semi-final kicks off at 12.30 with the Hawks on track at 2.00 to face Horspath, Leicester and Norwich (Sandwell have withdrawn). The final is at 4.00. Come and give your team a cheer.

DOWN THE A140 AGAIN

The Hawks are off down the A140 again this Sunday for two matches against Ipswich. The A team match is in the Norfolk & Suffolk League followed by a South-East Youth League match for the U16s. Teams announced later in the week.

CLUB DATES ANNOUNCED

The Hawks' own Club events have now got dates following the Committee Meeting last Thursday. The Club Championships (apart from the Vets) will be staged as part of Tuesday Club Nights as follows –

Sept. 1 st	-	Senior
Sept. 8 th	-	Under-19
Sept. 15 th	-	Under-16
Sept. 22 nd	-	Under-13
Sept. 29 th	-	Under-10

Normal Club Night racing will be held for those riders not involved in these events. In a new ruling Under-10s will only be allowed to race in their own event plus the Under-13s for safety reasons.

The traditional end-of-season events will be held on Sunday October 25th – the Vets Club Championship, the Maiden Plate and the Best Pairs.